

10. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, claim 4, claim 5 or claim 9 further comprising formulating a said agent or, optionally where said agent is peptidyl, nucleic acid encoding said agent, into a composition comprising at least one additional component.

12. (Amended) A method according to claim 10 further comprising providing a said agent, or, optionally where said agent is peptidyl, nucleic acid encoding a said agent, to cells to modulate one or more of ability of Importin α to (i) bind Importin β , (ii) translocate into the nucleus, and/or (iii) import a cargo protein.

14. (Amended) A method according to claim 10 further comprising use of a said agent, or, optionally where said agent is peptidyl, nucleic acid encoding a said agent, in the manufacture of a medicament for treating a disorder of Importin α activity.

17. (Amended) A peptide according to claim 16 which is about 20 amino acids in length.

18. (Amended) An isolated nucleic acid encoding a peptide according to claim 17.

Please cancel claims 19-23 without prejudice or disclaimer.